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Weekly Wrap-up

Governor appoints DLGF commissioner

July 13, 2007— Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Cheryl Musgrave, president of the Vanderburgh County Commission, as the new commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance. Musgrave replaces Melissa Henson, who resigned effective June 29.

"Cheryl is a former assessor who knows a quality assessment from a botched one. She's a current county commissioner who understands the role schools, libraries, municipal and county governments all play in pushing up total local spending, and she shares my view that aggressive reform and streamlining of local government is the only long-term solution to excess property taxes," said Daniels.

"I have asked Cheryl to be as aggressive as possible in using the powers and information-gathering capabilities of DLGF to bring down property taxes wherever possible. It appears that DLGF has been too accommodating in some past cases; with her appointment, those days are over," he said.

[Read the news release.](#)

Governor Daniels takes action to reduce property taxes

July 14, 2007— Governor Daniels recently has taken several actions within his authority to help reduce local property taxes. Among those actions, the governor:

- Extended by two months the deadline for counties to decide to use other available revenue tools to help them reduce local property taxes. Legislation enacted this year gives counties the authority to adopt local option income taxes. The August 1 deadline has been moved to October 1.
- Directed the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to approve any county's application to permit homeowners to pay their property taxes in installments and to extend bill due dates.
- Directed the Indiana Bond Bank to facilitate short-term financing by local governments that need cash while awaiting installments.
- Ordered the DLGF to further analyze commercial and industrial parcel data for Marion County to determine if assessments between residential and commercial properties are fair or if a reassessment for Marion County will be ordered.

[Read the news release.](#)

Governor visits Seymour facility

July 10, 2007— Governor Daniels traveled to Seymour to join Aisin USA Manufacturing, Inc. executives and local officials to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the town's Aisin facility. He also participated in a ceremonial tree planting ceremony to commemorate the occasion.



July 10, 2007- Governor Daniels stopped in Rising Sun to meet Eleanor and her owner, William Rees, who runs the Harps on Main stringed instrument gallery.



July 10, 2007- Governor Daniels greets Hannah Schafer, Jefferson County 4-H Fair Queen in Madison. At the fair, the governor visited exhibits and attended the swine competition.

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